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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Security Branch, Office of Special Activities
SUBJECT : Mr. Stewart Alsop and CIA U-2 Coverage of Cuba

1. In a meeting on 26 November in General Carter's office, General Carter passed to Dr. Scoville and myself the following statement attributed to General Clifton in the White House.

According to Clifton, Mr. Stewart Alsop has researched carefully the question of whether or not SAC was continuously involved in reconnaissance of Cuba prior to mid-October when MRBM's and IRBM's were discovered in that country. General Carter said that according to Clifton Alsop has the full story to the effect that CIA was conducting the U-2 flights until that time and that he has purportedly approached Secretary McNamara, and using this knowledge as a lever, has indicated that he will publish this information unless Arthur Sylvester's restrictive press policy is lifted by the Secretary of Defense.

The net effect of such publication, of course, would be to hold up to ridicule the principal people in the Air Force and SAC who have been taking bows for their splendid work in Cuba.

2. I am simply recording this with you in the event a flap arises out of this allegation.

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